

2014 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

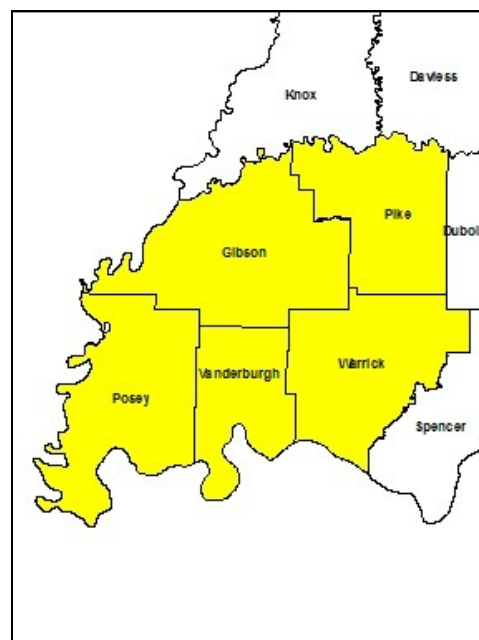
During state fiscal year 2014, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 12 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$724,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: POSEY
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: GIBSON, PIKE,
VANDERBURGH, WARRICK
PROJECT NAME: SOUTHWEST INDIANA COVER
CROP PROGRAM
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2014-12/31/2016



Purpose: Encourage, establish, and expand the use of cover crops

To continue to encourage, establish and expand the use of cover crops in the SW, the SW Districts often bring together resources, manpower and expertise to offer cover crop cost share programs to landowners and producers. The districts believe in the many benefits of cover crops and work to educate and support farmers and landowners on their importance. The SWCDs will provide field days, workshops, printed information, etc. Producers are priceless advocates and we utilize their knowledge whenever possible. The program supports aerial and traditional seedings. A new focus will be on preventative planted acres supporting summer cover crops with a "bee-friendly" cover to protect the soil, save and build nutrients and benefit pollinators. Summer cover crops could be used for foliage, for flash grazing and to maintain better habitat conditions. Cover crop seed for gardeners will be available to also promote better soil health, less runoff and minimizing chemical use.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
FSA, NRCS, PURDUE EXTENSION, TRI-COUNTY EQUIPMENT, COVER CROPS USA, SUPERIOR AG, DAYLIGHT FARM SUPPLY, BAKER SEED, AND CCSI.

The program in conjunction with CCSI will host the 2014 Soils Expo to focus on precision planting, cover crops and soil health.

Adult
Education
\$1,000

